

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION, f/k/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-00-250 (RPU-98-4)
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ORDER GRANTING REHEARING

(Issued January 29, 2001)

On October 3, 2000, Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), filed a proposed tariff with the Utilities Board (Board) designed to reduce certain rates to comply with Qwest's price regulation plan. The proposed tariffs were identified as Docket No. TF-00-250. On December 21 and 22, 2000, the Board issued orders finding that Qwest should reduce rates under the price plan by 1.21 percent, that Qwest could reduce selected basic communications services rates, and denied an offset for a prior reduction of CentrexPlus rates. The Board ordered Qwest to file new proposed tariffs on or before December 29, 2000, with an effective date of January 16, 2001, and gave parties until January 8, 2001, to file objections to the proposed tariffs.

On December 29, 2000, Qwest filed an application for rehearing of the December 21 and 22 orders. On January 10, 2001, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an application for rehearing of the orders. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.12, the Board has 30 days to either grant or refuse the applications. The Board will grant the applications for rehearing to

allow it time to consider the issues raised in both applications. Since neither party asked to file additional briefs, the Board will consider the issues raised in the applications on the pleadings.

On January 8, 2001, the Consumer Advocate filed an objection to the compliance tariffs filed by Qwest. The Board will consider Consumer Advocates objections at the same time that it considers the issues raised in the applications for rehearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The applications for rehearing filed by Qwest Corporation on December 29, 2000, and Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice on January 10, 2001, are granted to allow time to consider the issues in both applications and in Consumer Advocate's objection to the compliance tariffs.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper /s/ Diane Munns
Acting Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 29th day of January, 2001.